(*d*) The Government are paying no extra remuneration in this respect.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* In view of the answer to sub-division (*c*) I would like to know whether the staff has been increased ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* On this account only the staff has not been increased. But due to a general increase of work the staff has been increased. This alone will not necessitate the appointment of a new clerk in the office.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Here it is said "it has naturally imposed some extra work on them". Will the Government be pleased to consider the question of remunerating these clerks to some extent. This is a matter which has to be favourably looked into by Government.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Every officer of Government is bound to work for the whole period of his employment. It is not a case of section clerks sleeping in the afternoon and sitting quite and therefore now having time to do this work. This work is something known to every one.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* That is a mistake. The work has been distributed between all the treasuries. There are so many personal deposit accounts in the treasury and this is only one more.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* There is the admission in sub-division (*c*) that their work has increased.

Mr. President : As a matter of fact work during this war time has increased. Everybody is expected to work more. But if in respect of any particular office it is found that the work could not be done with the existing staff then the policy is to increase the staff. But we do not increase the pay of the staff in an office on account of the fact that work has increased. That is not the right principle. It is not like piece-work in a factory. We do not pay for overtime in Government office. If it is found that the work in any office is found to be so large that it is impossible for the existing staff to do it then the demand comes for increasing the staff and we increase the staff. That is the proper way to deal with additional work and not to pay extra pay to clerks.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* In certain taluks the work has increased. That may be looked into and we expect proper things to be done.

Mr. K. T. Achuthan *(Ezhuvas-Talapalli):* What is the basis for fixing it at Rs. 2,500. Is it arbitrary?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* It is arbitrary.

FRANCHISE—ENLARGING OF

145. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will Government be pleased to state whether Government will pass the necessary laws giving adult franchise or at least literacy franchise ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The existing franchise was fixed by Government after an elaborate enquiry. Government consider it too early to think of revising the same.

SUGAR RATIONING

146. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the system of rationing sugar in Municipalities in the State;

(*b*) if the same system of rationing sugar has been allowed in villages ?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) The rationing of sugar in the Municipal areas is on the basis of the rental of the building in which a person lives. It varies from 2 lbs. to 12 lbs.

(*b*) No.

Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know why this inequality is shown?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* This system existed even before the Supply Department took charge of the system. The system is going to be modified and put on another basis.

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